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In re Application of: Jeffrey M. LINNEN and Kevin M. GORMAN

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TITIS C VIRUS (HCV) AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated October 22, 2001 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-64.

The item(s) checked below are applicable:

 [X] An extension of time to respond to the final rejection is required: a petition and fee of \$920.00 are enclosed.

- 2. [X] A timely response to the final rejection is submitted herewith.
- [X] An fee of \$320.00 is believed to be required for this submission. A check for the required fee is enclosed herewith.
- 4. [X] Please charge any deficiency to our Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: April 22, 2002

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